

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 585

By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Guy Hollis of
Montgomery County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember those Tennesseans who, during their lifetimes, served their fellow citizens with the utmost integrity, dedication, and ability; and

WHEREAS, Guy Hollis was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a lifetime resident of Montgomery County, Mr. Hollis was a highly respected member of the Clarksville community; and

WHEREAS, born on April 10, 1927, Mr. Hollis was the son of Henry Ervin Hollis and Martha Appleton Hollis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hollis served with acumen as County Commissioner of Montgomery County, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and supervisors alike for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, his extraordinary 26-year tenure as District 3 Commissioner began in 1960 and continued through 1990, with only a brief lapse between 1978 and 1982; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Doug Weiland applauded Guy's efforts as a public servant, saying he is "one of the reasons that we have the quality EMS service that we have in the county. He was instrumental in the development of the volunteer fire service, and that is the reason that county residents enjoy low fire insurance rates on their homes. He was a good commissioner, very dedicated to his community and his constituents"; and

WHEREAS, his meritorious service spanned from the Montgomery County Quarterly Court to the current commission system; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hollis was a leader in the establishment of the East Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department (EMVFD) and dutifully served as chairman of the board from its inception in 1986 until his death; and

WHEREAS, EMVFD's District Chief, Ed Baggett, reflected on Mr. Hollis' outstanding contributions, stating "His personality and his knowledge of county government were invaluable to the department"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his dedication to county government, Guy Hollis began working with Vulcan Materials Crushed Stone Co. in 1954 where he remained until his retirement as sales and production manager in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hollis subsequently joined his son Ricky in establishing Hollis & Hollis Trucking Co., a local business in which he served as production manager; and

WHEREAS, Guy's remarkable tenure in community service extended beyond his career as a county official; he also contributed his time and talents as a valuable member and past President of the Fredonia Civitan Club and the East Montgomery Civitan Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hollis was an active and devout member of the Walton's Chapel United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hollis was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Guy Hollis enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Rebecca Krantz, and was the proud parent of a daughter, Judy Weakley, and sons Edward W. Hollis, and

Ricky Hollis who preceded him in death; he was also a devoted grandparent of five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hollis leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. Guy Hollis, a longtime government leader and friend in Montgomery County, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Hollis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.